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His Excellency Esteban Takacs  
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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I am writing on behalf of Senor Antonio Miguel Pintura who is presently detained at LaPlata Federal Prison in Argentina.

Mr. Pintura received a two year sentence which was completed at the end of 1977 but he is still being held in prison. In January of 1981, Mr. Pintura submitted a writ of habeas corpus which has been accepted and should be ruled on soon by the Ministry of the Interior.

I understand that there have been some releases of political detainees in recent months and that situations of such detainees are reviewed constantly. I am, therefore, asking you to look into this matter and to advise me as to the status of Mr. Pintura's case. I hope that you will convey to the Argentine authorities my interest in this matter. It would be a positive expression of the concern for Human Rights for all people if Mr. Pintura were to be released from prison at this time seeing as he has apparently completed his sentence.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,



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